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Arabic Names of People and Places

Aaron (هارون)	Bishr (بشر)	Hadad (أرر)
Abel (هابيل)	Bushtasib (بشتاسب)	Ham (حام)
Aber (عابر)	Cain (قابيل)	Hamor (حمور)
Abiel (أفيل)	Caleb (كالب)	Hannah (حنة)
Abihu (أبيهو)	Cozby (كسيتي)	Hasrun (حصرون)
Abraham (ابراهيم)	Dan (دان)	Haumal (حومل)
Adah (عدا)	Daniel (دانيال)	Hebrew (عبراني)
Adbeel (ازيل)	David (داود)	Hebron (حبرون)
Adi (عدي)	Dinah (دينا)	Hezekiah (حزقيا)
Adya (عديا)	Darzna (درزنا)	Hilkiah (حلقياء)
Amenadab (عميناداب)	Dumah (دوصا)	Hosea (عذير)
Amos (أمصيا)	Eber (عابر)	Irad (عندر)
Aphiah (أفيح)	Elazar (عازر)	Iram (إرم)
Arfakhshand (أرفخشند)	Eleazar (عاذر)	Isaac (إسحاق)
Asbagh (أصبغ)	Elias (الياس)	Isaiah (شعيا)
Asbu (أسبوع)	Elisha (اليسع)	Ishbak (وشياق)
Asher (أشير)	Enoch (خنوخ)	Ishmael (إسماعيل)
Ashya (أشياء)	Enos (أنوش)	Issachar (إيساخار)
Aweid (عويد)	Ephraim (أفرايم)	Jabal (أبل)
Bahman (بهمن)	Ephron (عفرون)	Jacob (يعقوب)
Balaam (بلعام)	Esau (عيص)	Japheth (يافث)
Barkhiya (برخيا)	Eshi (إشي)	Jared (يرد)
Basemath (بسمه)	Ezekiel (حزقييل)	Jarwah (جروه)
Becorath (تخورث)	Ezra (عزير)	Jeremiah (أرمياء)
Benjamin (بنيامن)	Faquad (فاقود)	Jerico (أريحا)
Beor (باعورا)	Fars (فرص)	Jesse (إيشا)
Bethlehem (أفراث/بيت لحم)	Gad (جاد)	Jesus (عيسى)
Bethuel (بتوايل)	Galeed (جلعاد)	Jetur (يطور)
Bilhah (بلهي)	Gospel (انجيل)	Job (أيوب)

Jochebed (أياذخت)	Midian (مادان)
John (يحيى)	Mishma (مسمع)
Jokshan (يقشان)	Moses (موسى)
Jonah (يونس)	Moss (موص)
Joseph (يوسف)	Naama (نعمة)
Joshua (يوشع)	Nadhab (ناذاب)
Jubal (نوبل)	Nahor (تاحور)
Juda (هود)	Nahshun (نحشون)
Judah (يهوذا)	Naphish (نپش)
Kedar (قيدر)	Naphtali (نفتالي)
Kedemah (قيذما)	Naura (نورا)
Kenan (قينان)	Nawad (نود)
Keturah (قطورا)	Nebaioth (نايت)
Kish (قيش)	Nebuchadnezzar (بختنصر)
Korah (قارون)	Noah (نوح)
Kosh (كوش)	Peleg (فالغ)
Laban (لابان)	Pharaoh (فرعون)
Lahrasib (لهراسب)	Phinehas (فناص)
Lamech (لامك)	Psalms (زبور)
Leah (ليا)	Qabil (قبيل)
Levi (لاوي)	Qinin (قينين)
Lot (لوط)	Rachel (راحيل)
Machpelah (المغارة)	Rawel (رعويل)
Mahalalel (مهلايل)	Razeh (رازح)
Manasseh (منسا)	Rebekah (رفقا)
Massa (ماش)	Rehoboam (رجعام)
Matta (متى)	Reu (راغو)
Median (مدين)	Reuben (روبييل)
Mehujael (محاويل)	Reuel (روح)
Methuselah (متوشلخ)	Salmun (سلمون)
Methushael (متوشيل)	Salu (شلوم)
Mibsam (ميشي)	

Saul (طالوت)
Samuel (شمويل)
Seir (ساعير)
Sennacherib (سنجاريب)
Serug (ساروغ)
Seth (سيث)
Sheba (سباء)
Shuah (شوح)
Shechem (شخيم)
Shelah (شالغ)
Shem (سام)
Simeon (شمعون)
Sodom (سدوم)
Solomon (سليمان)
Sourique (سوريق)
Succoth (ساحور)
Taqi (تقي)
Tema (طيمة)
Terah (تارح)
Torah (توراة)
Tubal-Cain (توبلقين)
Zachariya (زكريا)
Zebulan (زابلون)
Zeror (صارو)
Ziekon (زيكون)
Zillah (صلا)
Zilpah (زلفي)
Zoroaster (زرادشت)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allāh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Allāh the Most Exalted says in the Qur'ān:

﴿نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ أَحْسَنَ الْقَصَصِ بِمَا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ وَإِنْ كُنْتَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ لَمَنِ الْغَافِلِينَ﴾

"We are relating unto you the most beautiful of stories in that which We have revealed to you from the Qur'ān, though before it you were from among those who were not aware of them."^[1]

﴿وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ قَصَصْنَا عَلَيْكَ﴾

"We have indeed sent aforetime Messengers before you, of them there are some whose stories We have related to you."^[2]

﴿نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ نَبَأَهُم بِالْحَقِّ﴾

"We relate to you the important news of their story in truth..."^[3]

﴿وَكُلًّا نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِ الرُّسُلِ مَا نَتَّبِعُ بِهِ فُوَادَكَ وَجَاءَكَ فِي هَذِهِ الْحَقُّ وَمَوْعِظَةٌ وَذِكْرَى لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾

"And all that We relate to you of these stories of the Messengers, We strengthen with them your heart. Through them there comes

^[1] Yūsuf 12:3.

^[2] Ghāfir 40:78.

^[3] Al-Kahf 18:13.

to you the truth as well as admonition and a reminder to those who believe."^[1]



﴿لَقَدْ كَانَتْ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ مَا كَانَ حَدِيثًا يُفْتَرَى وَلَكِنْ تَصْدِيقَ الَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَتَفْصِيلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ﴾

"There is, indeed, in their stories lessons for people endowed with understanding. It is not any invented tale, but a confirmation of what went before it, and a detailed exposition of all things, and a guide and a mercy to the people who believe."^[2]



﴿فَأَقْصِبْ قَصَصَ الْقَصَصِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ﴾

"...so relate the stories, perhaps they may reflect."^[3]



^[1] Hūd 11:120.

^[2] Yūsuf 12:111.

^[3] Al-A'rāf 7:176.

Chapter

I

The Story of Adam and Eve

[Peace be upon them]

Let us in the beginning relate those Verses which Allāh, the Most Exalted, has mentioned in the background of the beginning of human history, the history of Adam and Eve. The Verses do not contain unnecessary details. However, they give us a glimpse of the early creation, and the purpose of human life.

Allāh says in the Qur'ān:

﴿وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً قَالُوا أَتَجْعَلُ فِيهَا مَنْ يُفْسِدُ فِيهَا وَيَسْفِكُ الدِّمَاءَ وَنَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُ بِحَمْدِكَ وَنُقَدِّسُ لَكَ قَالَ إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ٣٠ وَعَلَّمَ آدَمَ الْأَسْمَاءَ كُلَّهَا ثُمَّ عَرَضَهُمْ عَلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ فَقَالَ أَنْبِئُونِي بِأَسْمَاءِ هَؤُلَاءِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ﴾

"And remember when your Lord said to the angels: 'Verily I am going to create a *Khalifah* on the earth.' They said: 'Will you place therein those who will make mischief and shed blood? while we glorify You with Your praise and we do sanctify You.' He (Allāh) said: 'I know indeed what you know not.' And He taught Adam the names of everything, then He showed those things to the angels and said: 'Tell Me the names of these things if you are true (in your claims).'"^[1]

﴿قَالُوا سُبْحَنَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمْتَنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ ٣١ قَالَ يَتْلُو آيَاتِهِمْ بِأَسْمَائِهِمْ فَلَمَّا أَنْبَأَهُمْ بِأَسْمَائِهِمْ قَالَ أَلَمْ أَقُلْ لَكُمْ إِنِّي أَعْلَمُ غَيْبَ السَّمَوَاتِ

^[1] Al-Baqarah 2:30,31.